

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 15, 2012

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

It is our understanding that the State of Arkansas filed a request for waiver of the Federal Communications Commission's 700MHz narrowbanding deadline of December 31, 2016. The Arkansas delegation has been working in collaboration with state officials to assess the impact that compliance with the deadline will have on public safety communications in Arkansas.

While we understand the importance and support the development of a nationwide, interoperable public safety network, we share our state's concerns that the timeline to comply with the December 31, 2016 mandate is burdensome and could have serious consequences for public safety. Necessary changes to existing system infrastructure and subscriber handheld units would pose significant financial hardship for the state and local jurisdictions and undermine the value of previous federal grants for equipment purchase.

For these reasons, we ask that you give all due consideration to the state's request for waiver.

Sincerely,

Mark Royce

John Boozman

Mike Lee

Tim Griffin

Rick Crawford

Steve Womack



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January 8, 2013

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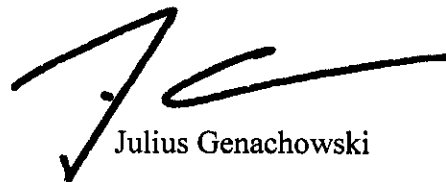
The Honorable John Boozman
United States Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boozman:

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